

Page 1, lines 15-16, please delete the phrase "according to the species".

Page 1, line 17, insert the following title: "**Summary of the Invention**".

Page 1, lines 18-19, please delete this paragraph.

Page 3, line 1, insert the following title: "**Brief Description of the Drawings**".

Page 3, line 10, please insert the following title: "**Description of Illustrated Embodiment**".

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-5 as follows:

1. (Amended) A behind the ear hearing aid, comprising a housing having a housing shell, an electronic circuit, a power storage unit, and a multi-function plate designed as a front plate and adapted to couple to the housing shell, wherein the multifunction plate includes an access opening for one of the power storage unit and the electronic circuit.

2. (Amended) The hearing aid according to claim 1, wherein the multifunction plate is adapted for use in an in-ear hearing aid and is constructed to match a contour of the housing shell.

3. (Amended) The hearing aid according to claim 1, wherein the front plate is matched to the contour of the housing shell in standard production.

4. (Amended) The hearing aid according to claim 1, wherein the housing shell and the front plate are joined in a detachable manner.

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5. (Amended) A front plate intended for use in an in-ear hearing aid in a behind-the-ear hearing aid, the front plate being modified such that said front plate matches a contour of a housing of the behind-the-ear hearing aid.
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